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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/NE

1. DDI would appreciate some informal comments on the attached paper written by  of S/P.

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2. I presume that you would want to comment chiefly on the "intelligence" aspects, e.g. the likelihood of increasing "sub-belligerent" activities on the part of the USSR, the probable nature of such activities, and the likely impact, both on the Bloc and other countries, of the types of countermeasures suggested in para. 10ff.

3. For example, we have consistently stressed in NIEs the possibility that under conditions of nuclear stalemate the Bloc might see fewer risks of escalation in local aggression. Presumably, it would see even fewer risks in most of the lesser forms of sub-belligerence mentioned in this paper. If we think of some other aspects of "sub-belligerence" not mentioned, these would be worth noting too.

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